



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Paul Dagum and Thomas A. Chavez

Assignee: Rapt, Inc.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING A  
MULTIVARIATE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Application No.: 09/491,461 Filing Date: January 26, 2000

Examiner: Beth Van Doren Group Art Unit: 3623

Docket No.: RAP0001P1US Confirmation No.: 8555

Austin, Texas  
December 12, 2005

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2005, and further in response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on November 12, 2005. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of December 12, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.